

REMARKS

Claims 20-35 are pending in the application. Examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants' counsel wishes to thank Examiner Noori for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on July 13, 2004. As discussed during the interview, Applicants submit this Reply to point out that the Office Action erroneously examined cancelled claims 1-19. These claims were cancelled by way of a Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on August 6, 2003.

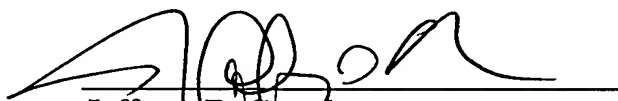
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the prior Office Action be withdrawn. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.43305C2).

Respectfully submitted,

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